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SUBJECT: GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE AMBASSADOR: MALTA

REFS: A) STATE 202267; B) STATE 204581

REFS A AND B GIVE DETAILS WHICH HAVE GOVERNED PREPARATION
HERE OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR EACH
AMBASSADOR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR COMMENT.
PLEASE RESPOND ASAP, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 IN ANY
EVENT.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. DENY MALTESE PORTS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS TO POTEN-
Tially HOSTILE POWERS.

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-- OPPOSE THE FORMATION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS
WITH USSR OR OTHER POTENTIALLY HOSTILE NATIONS.

-- ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SELF-SUSTAINING MALTESE
ECONOMY SO THAT IT DOES NOT DEPEND ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

SUCH AS LIBYAN AID.

II. ENCOURAGE POLITICO-SECURITY ORIENTATION TO THE WEST.

-- ENCOURAGE WESTERN EUROPE (E.G., FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN)
TO GIVE BILATERAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
MALTA WHILE MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT POSITION THAT THE US
DOES NOT NOW FORESEE FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA
IN THE POST-1979 PERIOD.

-- FOCUS VISITOR PROGRAMS ON ECONOMIC LEADERS, POLITICAL
FIGURES, AND OTHER OPINION LEADERS.

-- WORK WITH ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PAR-
TIES IN MALTA IN PREPARATION FOR THE ADVENT OF A FRIENDLIER
GOVERNMENT.

-- ENCOURAGE BETTER MALTESE REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED
STATES.

-- WORK FOR REDUCED HOSTILITY BY MALTA AT THE UN AND IN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORT-
ANCE TO THE US, E.G., PUERTO RICO.

III. FOSTER DEVELOPMENT OF MALTESE ECONOMY AND PROMOTE
MALTA'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE WEST.

-- PROMOTE MEANS BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR -- EUROPEAN
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AND AMERICAN -- CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GROWTH IN MALTA, E.G.,
INVESTMENT, TOURISM, EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE.

-- ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MALTESE CLIMATE OF
INVESTMENT BY URGING MINTOFF TO MAKE PUBLIC AND ENCOURAGING
GESTURES TO POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

-- RESOLVE THE US GOVERNMENT CLAIM AGAINST MALTA ARISING
FROM ITS TAKEOVER OF THE PHOENIX TEXTILE COMPANY.

-- CLOSELY MONITOR MALTESE ECONOMIC INDICATORS, ESPECIALLY
DURING THE CRITICAL POST-1979 PERIOD.

END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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